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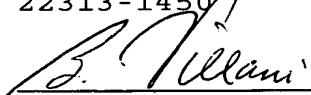
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Title: "PAPER POST-PROCESSING METHOD, PAPER POST-PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS"

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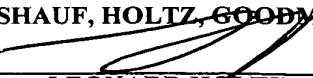
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